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REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

The Librarian reports that during the year ending Nov. 30, 1882, there have been 2795 additions made to the library of the Academy. This increase has been composed of 366 volumes, 2417 pamphlets and parts of periodicals, and 12 maps. The larger number consists as heretofore of instalments of journals and transactions received in exchange for the publications of the Academy from corresponding societies.

The sources from which this increase has been derived is as follows:—

Societies,	1058
Editors,	769
I. V. Williamson Fund,	291
Authors,	230
F. V. Hayden,	158
Jos. Jeanes,	61
Wilson Fund,	50
Geo. Vaux,	41
Department of the Interior,	21
Department of Agriculture,	13
Geological Surv. of Belgium,	13
Executors of the late Dr. Robert Bridges,	12
Geological Survey of India,	10
Engineer Department, U.S.A.	8
Isaac Lea,	8
Minister of Public Works, France,	6
Treasury Department,	5
War Department,	4
British Museum,	3
Smithsonian Institution,	3
Minister of Public Works, Mexico,	3
Geological Survey of New Jersey,	2
Geological Survey of Canada,	2
Norwegian Government,	2
Trustees of Public Library, Victoria,	2
Health Department, N. York,	2
Rev. Dr. Syle,	1
Liverpool Free Public Library,	1
Geodetic Commission of the Netherlands,	1
Fish Commissioners of Connecticut,	1
J. A. Ryder,	1
Geol. Survey of Minnesota,	1
B. Westermann & Co.,	1
Department of Mines, Nova Scotia.	1
Department of Mines, N. S. W.	1
Asa Gray,	1
U. S. Coast Survey,	1
Louisiana Board of Health,	1
Rev. H. C. McCook,	1
Geological Survey of Pennsylvania,	1
Thomas Meehan,	1
Trustees of City Hospital, Boston,	1
G. W. Fox,	1
Mayor of Brighton,	1
Australian Museum, Sydney,	1
Royal College of Surgeons,	1

The books and pamphlets obtained from these sources were distributed to the various departments of the library as follows:—

Journals,	2124
Geology,	185
General Natural History,	69
Conchology,	62
Mineralogy,	60
Entomology,	58
Botany,	55
Bibliography,	19
Chemistry,	18
Anthropology,	17
Ornithology,	14
Agriculture,	13

Physical Science,	12	Herpetology,	6
Voyages and Travels,	10	Encyclopedias,	5
Helminthology,	9	Education,	4
Ichthyology,	9	Geography,	3
Medicine,	8	Languages,	1
Mammalogy,	8	Miscellaneous,	18
Anatomy and Physiology,	8		

The income of the I. V. Williamson Fund has been mainly devoted during the past year to the purchase of continuations of books already subscribed for, and to the paying of bills which had accumulated in consequence of the failure of some of the ground-rents from which the fund is derived, as noticed in my last annual report. These bills have now all been paid and the entire income of the fund for the coming year will be at the disposal of the committee. With the exception of Elliott's Felidæ and Bucerotidæ, but little has been obtained from the income of the Wilson Fund, except the continuations of works subscribed for by the late Dr. Thos. B. Wilson.

The more valuable books in addition to those received from the above funds and in exchange, have been the gift of Mr. Jos. Jeanes, who, in addition to the $739.80 recorded in my last report, as having been given by him for the purchase of geological and botanical books, has placed during the past year $300 at the disposal of the Library Committee for the purchase of such miscellaneous works as were immediately desirable. The titles of works thus obtained, as well as those of all others received during the year, will be found in the appended list of additions to the library.

The Academy is also indebted to Mr. Jeanes for a gift of $300 to be used in binding journals, etc., subscribed for from the I. V. Williamson Fund.

At a meeting of the Academy held April 26, 1882, it was resolved, in accordance with the recommendation of the Council, to authorize the Library Committee to accept the proposition which had been received from Mr. Geo. W. Tryon, Jr., under date of Jan. 16, to dispose by sale of certain works in the library, which were in no sense connected with natural history, together with the duplicates which had been accumulating for years. The proposition to select, catalogue and sell these books under the supervision of the Library Committee was made on condition that one-half the net proceeds, after paying expenses, should be transferred to the Academy, and the other half to the Conchological

Section to form the nucleus of a fund for the purchase of specimens for the Museum.

The sale was authorized under the conviction that many valuable books on the Fine Arts and general literature would be of more use in collections where they would be inquired for and consulted than if they were retained as part of the library of the Academy, from the specialty of which they were so distinct. Such a disposition of these books and the accumulated duplicates as would be of greatest benefit to the library of the Academy would certainly meet with the approval of their liberal donors, chief among whom were Wm. Maclure and Dr. Thomas B. Wilson.

About 1897 volumes were thus disposed of; 1272 were works on religion, history, politics and general literature, for the most part of little interest or value; 424 were duplicates and 201 were on the fine arts, architecture, antiquities, etc. Care was taken to retain everything which could be considered as even remotely pertaining to natural history.

The proceeds of the sale amounted to $1325.14, the Academy's share of which, $662.57, was appropriated for binding. Each volume thus bound has a label placed on the inside of the cover properly crediting the fund. This amount, in addition to the sum received from Mr. Jeanes, has enabled me to have bound during the year 677 volumes, while 240 are in process of binding. It is believed that a sufficient balance will remain to provide for the binding of about 200 volumes in addition to those above noted. The binding of our periodicals had been some years in arrears, and the work now done, although it forwards the orderly arrangement of the library and adds greatly to the convenience of readers, leaves a large number of volumes still in unbound parts.

Every effort has been made as heretofore to keep our large collection of periodicals as complete as possible by purchase and exchange. Nearly all the applications made for deficiencies during the year have been answered promptly and satisfactorily.

A portrait in oil of the late Prof. S. S. Haldeman, painted by Waugh, was presented by Mrs. S. J. Haldeman Haly, and one of Dr. Thos. B. Wilson, by Uhlke, of Washington, has been obtained by subscription. The latter portrait completes the gallery of past Presidents with the exception of Dr. Robert Bridges. An effort is being made, with almost the certainty of success, to secure by

subscription a portrait of Dr. Bridges, which, it is hoped, will be hung in place early in the year. A framed life-sized crayon portrait of Prof. John Tyndall was presented by the artist, Mr. Ross.

In view of the above statements the Academy may be congratulated on the fact that the past year has been an unusually prosperous one for the library.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDW. J. NOLAN,
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE CURATORS.

The Curators present the following from the Curator-in-charge as their report for the year ending November 30, 1882:—

I would respectfully report, that during the year Mr. C. H. Townsend has been engaged in separating the families of Passerine birds, from the general ornithological collection, preparatory to a better arrangement of that order.

Mr. G. Howard Parker has been engaged in the arrangement of the Coleoptera.

The various collections have been carefully examined, and are in good condition.

The specimens presented to the Museum during the year have been labeled, and placed in their proper places.

Some progress has been made in labeling and arranging of specimens in the Museum.

Respectfully,

C. F. PARKER.